

Five things you need to know today



- **New Park for EH15**
- **South Central Decides**
- **Chinese New Year**
- **Charity Reception at Holyrood**
- **Big Hearts**

Craigentiny and Duddingston residents have until the end of the month to get involved with deciding on what the new park at Portobello will look like and what it will be called. You can vote online [here](#).

There are three possible designs for the park which will be created where Portobello High School is at present. The school and the primary school next to it will be demolished after the new Portobello High School opens later this year. A new St John's RC Primary School will be built and a part of the grounds will be used to create a new green space.

Planning permission will also be required before the park can be built.



Option A

Craigentiny & Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership convener Councillor Alex Lunn said: "The new park is for the community and designed by the community. Participation from residents is key to success and people are being given the chance to pick the design and name."

The designs are on display in Northfield and Craigentiny Community Centres and at Restalrig Hub but you can see them below too. The final decision on a name for the park will be

made on 17 March at the Craigentenny & Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership meet.



Option B

Environment Convener, Councillor Lesley Hinds, said: “We want to ensure that the new park in Portobello becomes a real asset to the area and represents what local residents want.

“I would urge as many people as possible in the Craigentenny & Duddingston Neighbourhood to take part in the consultation by 29 February and share their views about their preferred design and name for their new park. Their contributions will play a vital role in the final decision in March and will help us to create a thriving green space for all of the community to enjoy.”



Option C



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The good people of South Edinburgh will now be given the chance to decide what they want to spend the Neighbourhood Partnership money on at South Central Decides –*Voice Your Choice!* **At the METHODIST CHURCH HALL, NICOLSON SQUARE on SATURDAY, 30th APRIL 2016 from 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM**

The South Central Neighbourhood Partnership has over £200,000 worth of funding available for distribution in 2016/17 and **any** resident of South Central, is asked to **Voice your Choice** and decide which projects get what. Anyone over the

age of 12 is eligible to vote so long as they live in South Central.

There are three different pots of cash available and you can find out more [here](#).

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✘ The Lord Provost welcomed the beginning of the Chinese New Year at the City Chambers last weekend complete with a dragon. The George Watson's College Pipes and Drums also entertained along with the Glasgow Hong Lok Dragon and Lion Dance Troupe, the Scottish Academy Chinese Martial Arts and the Dundee Chinese School Lion Team.

The day was full of music and dance performed by the Alba Cathay Chinese School, the Edinburgh Chinese Art Association, Edinburgh Chinese School, Perth High School and the Chinese Choir Group.

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The reception reflected on thirty years of the Foundation's grant-making in Scotland and was co-sponsored by the Scottish Parliament's Presiding Officer Tricia Marwick MSP and Deputy First Minister John Swinney MSP.

Since 1985 the Foundation has made over 14,000 awards totalling in excess of £100 million.

Chairman of Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland Tim Hall, and Chief Executive Fiona Duncan joined Presiding Officer Tricia Marwick MSP and Deputy First Minister John Swinney MSP.



Big Hearts are holding an open music event at Tynecastle during the February week for looked after and/or accommodated young people of high school age.

The flyer below gives you all the information you need. They are looking for some pre-registration info (names and contact details) to communications@bighearts.org.uk for anyone interested in coming along.

